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ment. The trouble might possibly he induced to take the form of a revolution, which the Nationalists so much

Actually Anxious for Failure.

Thus it happens that a large and influential French party, from being indifferent about the success of the exhibition, has come actually to desire its failure. They now begin to tell us that it is undignified for France to turn herself into a sort of caravansary, that the people benefited will be mainly hotel keepers and the railway companies -largely foreigners and Jews.

Offendeu at Apologists.

Desiring to get an independent opinon in the matter, I saw the other day the director of one of the most influential papers in Paris-a paper which has from the first been interested largely fect was this: "I do not think that ailure is to be looked for. But at the monotonous, and probably it will mark the zenith of this sort of international entertainment. There will almost certainly be a general strike afterward, and very probably serious trouble."

The conciliatory attitude of the Government toward England has been particularly annoying to the Nationalsts, because they say: "Now is our chance," They reason thus: "A few thousand peasants have compelled England to put forward all her strength. This shows that the vaunted power of the English is all a sham. A good knock from Russia and France would cause the might of England to go down ike a pack of cards. The Boers have put us to shame. All this time England has been imposing her will upon half the world, and we have stood by in fear. Strike now, and we have crippled our hereditary enemy forever, and taken away once and for all her capacity to do us any harm."

It is recognized, however, that the balance of power is held by Germany. and Mr. Chamberlain's speech on the alleged Anglo-Teutonic alliance has come as a very cold douche.

Curiously enough, America much considered in the Frenchmen pay Americans the dubious compliment of believing that the United States would never come to the aid of England in any trouble unless America had something very substantial to gain. They do not see that this is the case, and so the Anglo-American alliance is regarded as a quantite negligeable. Mr. Chamberlain's reference to it, however, coming on top of Whitelaw Reid's speech, has given ause for reflection.

The French Convent orphanages known as the "Bon Pasteur" have recently been the object of violent atcommon in these orphanages, especially those of Nancy and Mans. A letter has been written by the Bishop of Nancy to the congregation in Rome, protesting against certain allegations gainst him personally, brought by 'aymen and priests in his diocese. In 'his letter the Bishop himself accuses the directors of the Nancy Convent of various scandals-among others that virls whose eyesight has become too bad for needlework are encouraged to orter houses of ill-repute in order that they may find a market for the fine linen turned out by the convent. One can imagine how such allegations. coming from a bishop, have been used by the Anti-Clericals.

Eugen e's Singular Arrest.

Amongst the recent deaths of interesting persons is that of the Countess le Castiglione, who under the second Empire was famous as a great beauty and was even said to have considerable nfluence with Napoleon III. One evening the Countess appeared at a ball tume which permitted one to see that she had dispersed with underclothing. strict retirement in Italy, and had been but a short time in Paris when she died. The rumor runs that she was sent to France to enlist sympathy with the republican movement in Italy.

The death has recently been anounced of Madame Lebreton-Bourbaki, who was for thirty years comnanion to the Empress Eugenie. The name of Mme. LeBreton, as she was more commonly known, recalls stirring the Empress from Paris. And this again recalls a touching little incident taking her daily stroll in the garden of the Tulleries, and, forgetful of the fact that the property now belongs to the Government, is a public park and ers rule, she broke a little twig from lan accosted her, and refusing to listen to the Empress' confused explanations, to the police station and paying the prescribed fine for tampering with the municipal flowers. Fortunately, the ty by the arrival of an old sergeant de ville, who recognized the Empress and explained to the over-zealous guardian who the culprit was and how there was little wonder that she should forget the garden was no longer her own pleasure ground, and had not been for over twenty years.

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raphy were resumed at the Y. M. C. A. last evening. The other classes will probably go over until after quaran-

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